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The India-Pakistan Situation  
(Report #91 - As of 6:00 A.M. EDT)

1. Radio Karachi continues to report heavy fighting in the Chhamb area of southern Kashmir.

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The Indian press also reports that fighting is in progress in the Chhamb region but claims that it began following intrusions by a number of "well sized Pakistani columns." According to the press in New Delhi, a team of UN observers has been sent to the scene at India's request. There has been no official Indian comment on fighting in this area.

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3. President Ayub, in his monthly speech to his countrymen, has reemphasized the need for a permanent Kashmir settlement if peace is to be secured on the sub-continent. Embassy Karachi notes, however, that Ayub

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did not refer to a plebiscite on Kashmir or press for any specific solution, nor did he do so in his 15 September press conference.

4. In New York, Indian Foreign Minister Singh, conversing with Secretary Rusk and Ambassador Goldberg, rejected what he termed the Pakistani line that unless agreement is reached on discussing political problems, other provisions of the cease-fire resolution cannot be implemented. He also advised against the creation of a Four-Power Commission (UK, US, France, and USSR) to work with U Thant because he was certain that it would be misunderstood in India. Singh proposed that instead of continuing conversations in New York, they be started in the capitals of India and Pakistan on an "experts" level with the aim of working out agreement for general disengagement, including the exfiltrating of Pakistani armed personnel from Kashmir. He warned that if the UN insisted on introducing non-technical matters, New Delhi would find it difficult to continue cooperating with the Security Council.

5. US officials in Rawalpindi have been informed

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25X1 [redacted] that  
some 11 camps in the area contain approximately 60,000  
refugees. These refugees have fled from a cordon of  
25X1 villages on the Indian side of the cease-fire line where,  
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lessly sanitizing a strip of land to eliminate local  
resistance [redacted] on the basis of stories checked  
out, that at least 27 villages have been razed.

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